

COUNTY COURT JUDGES (IRELAND).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 24 August 1880;—for,

RETURN " by the COUNTY COURT JUDGES (*Ireland*) of—

1. The Name;
2. Places of Abode; and,
3. Occupation of Persons who have been appointed Registrars of Civil Bill Courts in Ireland under Section 10 of 'The County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877';
4. The Duties assigned to each such Registrar;
5. Whether such Duties have been assigned by Writing;
6. The Duties now Discharged by such Registrars;
7. The Names of the Officers by whom the Business conferred by the Equitable Jurisdiction of the said Act is Discharged in each County in Ireland."

(*Mr. Colles.*)

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COUNTY COURT.	1. NAME.	2. Place of Abode.	3. Occupation.	4. Duties assigned to such Registrars.
Antrim - -	Hugh McNeill McCorrick.	Castleguard, near Belfast.	Mr. McCorrick is Clerk of the Crown for the County of Antrim; was Deputy Clerk of the Crown when appointed Re- gistrar.	To take all accounts, and make all inquiries in Equity cases, and to take accounts, where such are necessary, in Civil Bill cases, when the Clerk of the Peace may be engaged in other matters which he should not leave.
Armagh and Lough.	F. C. Enle Blund	54, Low Raggat- street, Dublin.	Solicitor - - -	Examining and making every bill, note, bill, and other document put in evidence. Swearing witnesses, and taking all affidavits, requests of de- crees, or otherwise. Taking accounts and other matters of a ministerial character in Equity suits in Land, and re- porting accordingly; comparing draft Equity decrees with Judge's notes, in both counties. Aiding Judge in comparing decrees in all cases with Judge's notes. Assisting at registration of votes.
Cavan and Leitrim	Richard Blair White	46, Marshington- road; also, 113, Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin.	Solicitor - - -	In Equity cases the Registrar keeps a record of the material proceedings of each case as the Equity suits book, or able in doing so, and takes a note of the orders made. In ordinary Civil Bills relating to matters of account, and also in cases of Civil Bills for legacies, or distributive shares of assets of deceased per- sons, a reference is usually made to the Registrar to take the accounts between the parties; and in this way much time is usually saved. It is also his duty to assist the Clerk of the Peace in discharging the ordinary business of the Court, and to tax costs. Indeed, his duties are of rather a miscellaneous character. He is also required to take accounts on the Equity side of the Court, when same can be taken during the sittings of the Court.
Clare - - -	John Henry Harvey	Burris - - -	Clerk of the Crown, County Clare.	Those defined by Orders 9, 15, 17, 25, and 28 of the "Court Rules of 1877."
Cork - - -	Erasmus Curry	Londonderry -	Solicitor - - -	None expressly, but as re- quired by the 10th section of the County Courts Act, and the 8th of the General Orders, he discharges all the duties of the Court indiscriminately with the Clerk of the Peace. For instance, in all cases of mere account between parties (which are numerous), the taking of the account is assigned to him, while the Clerk of the Peace discharges his duties in Court or elsewhere. The Registrar also draws the order of the Court in Equity and land cases, which requires to be prepared during the sittings, and takes such accounts as can be then taken. It is obvious that this very much compresses the time of the Court, and saves great wastefulness from unnecessary delay and much expense. The taking of complicated accounts in open Court in a satisfactory way is simply impossible; they must be referred to some competent officer. The Clerk of the Peace cannot take them unless the Registrar takes the place, so that both these officers are indispensable to the proper and satisfactory conduct of the business.

and, 5. Occupation of Persons who have been appointed Registrars of Civil Bill Courts in Ireland assigned to each such Registrar; 5. Whether such Duties have been assigned by Writing; Business conferred by the Equitable Jurisdiction of the said Act is Discharged in each County

A. Whether such Duties have been assigned by Writing.	B. The Duties now Discharged by such Registrars.	C. The Names of the Officers by whom the Business conferred by the Equitable Jurisdiction of said Act is Discharged.
<p>The Judge believes he made a general order in writing, assigning duties to the Registrar. He is now away from his residence, and cannot answer with confidence. But his oral directions were full and explicit. However, in equity the orders given in Court expressly state that the accounts and inquiries directed by the Judge are to be taken and made by the Registrar, and are taken down in writing in the order book.</p>	<p>All the duties of his office in matters of equitable jurisdiction, and the taking of accounts in Civil Bill cases when referred to him.</p>	<p>The Registrar discharges the entire duties, and attends his office daily.—The Judge adds, that there are not ten counties in Ireland, as he believes, which have the same amount of business in Equity that the county of Antrim has; that no county has more efficient officer as Registrar; and that without such an officer the business of this county could not be adequately worked.</p> <p><i>J. H. O'Leary, County Court Judge.</i></p>
<p>Not assigned by writing -</p>	<p>All these in Column 4 - - - -</p>	<p>All matters of a judicial character, or requiring the Judge's direction, are done by the Judge. All other matters, save those referred to the Registrar, as in Column 4, are done by the Clerk of the Crown and Peace of Antrim.</p> <p><i>R. W. Gamble, County Court Judge.</i></p>
<p>Not assigned in writing, but prescribed in a general way by the Statute 39 & 41 Vict. c. 55, s. 10, and more particularly by the County Courts Rules, 1877, made for carrying out said Act, especially Order No. 3.</p>	<p>The duties now discharged by the Registrar are those imperfectly sketched in Column 4.</p> <p>concerned in keeping the Equity accounts or other proceedings require to be had in the interval between two Quarter Sessions, it usually becomes necessary for the Clerk of the Peace to take charge of such business the Registrar being non-resident.</p> <p>The Registrar is responsible for the preparation of all special Orders of the Court, which are usually made up in the interval between two Quarter Sessions, and often involve considerable trouble and correspondence.</p>	<p>The Registrar and Clerk of the Peace in addition, and the Registrar and Clerk of the Peace and Clerks in Law, are the officers by whom the equitable jurisdiction of the Court is carried out. Both are concerned, and if any meeting of parties, sale, &c. is held in the interval between two Quarter Sessions, it usually becomes necessary for the Clerk of the Peace to take charge of such business the Registrar being non-resident.</p> <p>The Registrar is responsible for the preparation of all special Orders of the Court, which are usually made up in the interval between two Quarter Sessions, and often involve considerable trouble and correspondence.</p> <p><i>S. M. Greer, County Court Judge.</i></p>
<p>No - - - -</p>	<p>The duties assigned. See Column 4 -</p>	<p>The Clerk of the Peace and Registrar.</p> <p><i>G. Kelly, County Court Judge.</i></p>
<p>- - - -</p>	<p>See answer in Column 4 - - - -</p>	<p>The officers who discharge the Equity business are Mr. Wm. O'Keefe, Clerk of the Peace, and Mr. Curry, the Registrar. Both are most competent officers, and discharge their duties most satisfactorily.</p> <p><i>J. P. Hamilton, Recorder of Cork.</i></p>

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Courts.	Name.	Place of Abode.	Occupation.	Duties assigned to each Registrar.
Cork, West Hilling	Nicholas Upton Dancy.	Clarehaven, Newcastle, West. Dublin address, 48, Upper Mount street.	Solicitor - - -	To attend in Court during the civil business. To take accounts in all cases referred to him, and do such other duties for the assistance of the Court as may be assigned to him by the Judge.
Dunegal - - -	Owen A. Armstrong	Blackrock, Co. Dublin, and 68, Dawson-street, Dublin.	Solicitor - - -	To attend in Court during the sitting of the Court for civil business. To take accounts during the sitting of the Court when so directed. To assist the Clerk of the Peace in entering decrees, and otherwise discharging his duties, as occasion may require. To attend the hearing of all Equity Civil Bills, and to take down the names of the witnesses examined and particulars of documents given in evidence, and to draw up the orders and decrees of the Court in Equity Civil Bill suits.
Dover - - -	John McSherry, Esq.	Armagh - - -	Solicitor, and formerly Deputy Clerk of the Peace for Armagh.	In all Civil Bills for shop goods, or any matter of account, the Registrar examines into the accounts, and reports on the following morning to the Judge in open Court, when, if either party object to his report, or if there be any question of law to be decided, the case is heard before the Judge; otherwise the Registrar's report is confirmed, and decrees or dismissals made accordingly. Six hundred cases are often disposed of in this way, to the great satisfaction and advantage of the poor suitors, especially as they are enabled to return home on the first or second day of the business, when otherwise they might be detained for several days at heavy expense.
Dublin - - -	* Edward C. Carleton	16 Kildare-street, Dublin.	Solicitor - - -	To attend the Recorder in Court on all sittings for Civil business, including Equity matters, and to take accounts and proofs of debts in the latter, and any accounts in other Civil cases which are referred to him by the Recorder.
Fermagh - - -	Wm. Allen, A.B.	Dublin - - -	Solicitor - - -	To manage as principal the Equity business, and to act while at business in Court and in the offices in the discharge of the other Civil business.
Galway - - -	Richard Carter	Galway - - -	Registrar to the Recorder of Galway, and Deputy Clerk of the Peace for the County of Galway.	Recording all proceedings in Civil Bills, Probate and Equity business, Land Court business, &c., &c.
Kerry - - -	Thomas Geine	Near Tralee - -	Late Deputy Clerk of Peace.	To attend in Court when required for the dispatch of Civil business. He has often been employed as a referee for accounts.

* Mr. Carleton was appointed Registrar in the county Dublin by the late County Court Judge, the devisor upon me. I have no Registrar

4. Whether such Duties have been assigned by Writing.	6. The Duties now Discharged by each Registrar.	7. The Names of the Officers by whom the Business conferred by the Equitable Jurisdiction of said Act is Discharged.
Such duties have not been assigned by writing.	Besides the duties mentioned in Column 4, the Registrar is the officer who exclusively discharges the following duties under the Equity jurisdiction:—He keeps the Court book, in which he takes a note of the several cases that come on for hearing, entering the parties' names, nature of the case, documents proved, and witnesses ex- amined, and takes down all the orders of the Court, interlocutory and final. This book is subsequently lodged in the office of the Clerk of the Peace.	The Court business is discharged by the Registrar, as mentioned in Column 6. The accounts, directed by Interlocutory orders to be taken in the intervals between Quarter Sessions are in some cases taken by the Clerk of the Peace in his office; in others by the Registrar. In the West Riding of the county of Cork they are taken by the Clerk of the Peace. <i>R. Ferguson, County Court Judge.</i>
No - - - -	Those mentioned in Column 4 - - - -	By the Clerk of the Peace and Registrar. During the periods when the Court is not sitting, the Clerk of the Peace has usually taken the accounts and prepared the certificates and reports directed by the Court. <i>A. Gorman, County Court Judge.</i>
Assigned under powers given by the Rules made in pursuance of County Courts Act, but not in writing.	See answer in Column 4 - - - -	<i>George MacLaine, Esq., Clerk of Crown and Peace for the County Down.</i> <i>T. Lefroy, County Court Judge.</i>
Not assigned by writing -	As in Column 4. The Registrar also acts as Secretary to the Recorder, where it is necessary to correspond in reference to cases in the Court.	<i>Edward C. Carleton.</i> <i>F. R. Palmer, Recorder, exercising the office of County Court Judge.</i>
Verbally - - - -	Those assigned to him, which he discharges most efficiently.	<i>Wm. Allen, aided when he is in the county, by the Clerk of the Peace, A. Jones, and his clerk, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Allen per- forming all of the duties that can be dis- charged by one individual.</i> <i>R. J. Black, County Court Judge.</i>
Not in writing, but by verbal directions.	Recording all proceedings in Civil Bills, Probate and Equity business, and Land Court business; entering Equity Civil Bills, recording statement of defence, set- off, all notices lodged, all orders, interlo- cutory and final, witnesses' names, and noting all documents given in evidence, &c., &c.	<i>Richard Carter.</i> <i>T. Bille-Mann, Recorder of Galway.</i>
No - - - -	See Column 4 - - - -	<i>Mr. Quinn and Mr. Huggard both do the Equity business of the Court. Mr. Huggard is the Clerk of the Crown and Peace.</i> <i>W. O'C. Morley, County Court Judge.</i>

Hon. Charles J. French, and continued by me by reappointment, the duty of the County Court Judge
in the city under the 10th section.

6 RETURN RELATING TO REGISTRARS OF CIVIL BILL COURTS APPOINTED UNDER

COUNTY COURT.	1. NAME.	2. Place of Abode.	3. Occupation.	4. Duties assigned to each each Registrar.
Kildare, Carlow, Wexford, and Wicklow.	GEOFFREY ADKINSON LEACH, B.A., D.C.	17, Upper Temple- street, Dublin.	Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature.	See reply to Column 6 -
Kilkenny	Peter M'Donnell	Kilkenny	Deputy Clerk of the Peace.	The duties specified in relation to the office of Registrar by the Rules of Court, made pursuant to the 16th and 19th sections of the County Dis- cussand Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877, for carrying into effect the provisions of that Act.
Limerick	William Massey Bouchamp.	34, Upper Mal- low - street, Limerick.	Solicitor	To assist during the sitting of the Court; to take accounts generally during the sittings which may be referred to him; and, in the intervals of the sittings, to take all accounts arising out of the proceedings in equity; and to prepare certificates and draft orders.
Lonsberry	John Maline	Dublin	Attorney	The duties are prescribed by "The County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877."
Mayo	Joseph Sheridan	Castlbar-	Head Distributor of Stamps, and lately Deputy Clerk of the Peace for the County Mayo.	To assist generally in the dis- charge of the civil business in Court; to take motions of account when directed by the Court; to discharge all duties in connection with the equitable jurisdiction of the said Act in Court and between sittings.

E. Whether such Duties have been assigned by Writing.	G. The Duties now Discharged by such Registrars.	F. The Names of the Officers by whom the Business mentioned by the Equitable Jurisdiction of said Act is Discharged.
<p>The 63, 64, and 66 Rules, made in pursuance of the provisions of the 10th section of the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, the 40 & 41 Vict. cap. 50, define partly the duties of the Registrar; his Duties have not otherwise been assigned in writing.</p>	<p>The Registrar performs the duties pointed out by Rules 63, 64, and 66, Order 2, County Court (Ireland) Rules, 1877. The Registrar attends to the proper keeping of the books and documents connected with the Equity jurisdiction of the Court; attends the Court during the hearing of the Civil business and Equity cases; he takes down in Court the evidence of depositions and orders, which are subsequently prepared by him for the signature of the Judge; enters orders and decrees, takes accounts, and makes inquiries directed in the progress of each suit. When property is sold under the order of the Court, he examines the abstract of title, conditions of sale, &c.; directs advertisements, and conducts the necessary correspondence with the solicitors engaged in each matter.</p> <p>In Civil cases, other than Equity, involving merely matters of account, the Registrar, at the direction of the Judge, examines witnesses, books, and other documents, and makes report to the Judge.</p> <p>In the interval between the Sessions he attends the Judge on the hearing of pending applications, such as injunctions, &c., &c., connected with the Equity Jurisdiction of the Court.</p>	<p>Graves A. Leach, Registrar, and the Clerks of the Peace in each of my counties, viz.:</p> <p>Kildare - John Galloway. Carlow - Wm. Johnston. Wexford - H. A. Newell. Wicklow - Paul Davis.</p> <p>W. F. Darby, Q.C., LL.M., County Court Judge.</p>
<p>They are in print. See the various sub-sections in Orders 2, 3, 14, 15, 17, 24, 27, 28, 29.</p>	<p>The duties already referred to, as session may arise.</p>	<p>By the said Peter McDermott, his appointment as Registrar, as well as Deputy Clerk of the Peace, being mentioned by the late Lord Chancellor under the following circumstances: The Clerk of the Peace (the officer contemplated by the Act to discharge the equitable duties) is not a professional gentleman, and has no knowledge of law or equity.</p> <p>He has, from his appointment, discharged the duties of his office, as he is entitled to do, by deputy.</p> <p>The Treasury having limited the remuneration of the Registrar to 2½ for each actual sitting day of the Chairman in civil business, the amount payable to that officer in Kildare averages something under £61 a year. The services of a solicitor to reside and transact office business daily in the county could hardly be secured for that sum, and accordingly I have been obliged to deal with the money at my disposal, and the duties are performed by Mr. McDermott for the season, under my constant and necessary supervision, in the absence of any duly qualified solicitor, whose services could not be procured.</p>
<p>Not in writing.</p>	<p>Already set forth in Column 4.</p>	<p>Principally by the Registrar, as already stated in Column 4, assisted by Mr. John Hardman, the Deputy Clerk of the Peace, by whom the books relating to the equitable business are kept, and who has charge of all the documents connected therewith, which are kept in his office.</p> <p>J. A. Parrott, County Court Judge.</p>
<p>No.</p>	<p>The Registrar performs the duties of his office, as prescribed by "The County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877."</p>	<p>Edward M. Colquhoun, Clerk of the Crown and Peace, county of Londonderry, and John Mullis, Registrar.</p> <p>J. Finlay Eltrington, Recorder of Londonderry.</p>
<p>No. The general nature of the office is provided for in the above Act and Rules of Court (1877), made in pursuance and by authority thereof. The particular duties, as in No. 4, are assigned by the verbal directions of the Judge, under authority of said Act and Rules. In case of a reference, the order in the particular case is taken down in writing in the order book.</p>	<p>The duties specified in Column 4.</p>	<p>Joseph Sheridan.</p> <p>J. H. Richards, County Court Judge.</p>

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COUNTY COURT.	NAME.	Place of Abode.	Occupation.	Duties assigned to each such Registrar.
Meath, Westmeath, Longford, and King's County.	Richard Charles Mason	Denry - street, Tullane.	At present that of Registrar; previously Mr. Mason was for many years Deputy Clerk of the Peace and Deputy Clerk of the County Kerry. He was also for some years receiving the rents of two large estates in the same county.	To take all accounts directed at the Equity side of the Court; to perform the same duty in all civil actions in which a reference to the Master would be directed by one of the Superior Courts; and to give every possible assistance to the Clerk of the Peace in keeping the records of the Civil Bill and Land Courts.
Monaghan	Robert Notterville Barron.	38, Lower Ormond Quay, Dublin.	Solicitor	Equity
Queen's County	Gilbert Kelly	Maryborough	Deputy Clerk of the Peace and Registrar of the County Court of the Queen's County; no other occupation.	To investigate all disputed accounts, and other disputed matters of fact referred to him by the Chairman of Quarter Sessions and County Court Judge.
Roscommon and Sligo.	Mr. John James	Town of Roscommon.	Deputy Clerk of Peace for the County of Roscommon.	To attend the County Court Judge in Court during the hearing of all Equity and Civil causes; and to record and preserve all rulings and orders made by him; and to take accounts in all administration cases; and, when directed by the Judge, to take accounts in civil cases where cross accounts exist between the parties litigants.
Tipperary	Henry F. Martley	Office of business, 24, Westland-row, Dublin; private residence, 35, Hatch-street, Dublin.	Solicitor	To take deposes in court, and make up Equity deposes; all chamber business, such as is performed by the chief clerk in Chancery Division at High Court of Chancery; the settlement of conditions of sale, and comparing of abstracts in cases of sales under decree of the Court; to take all accounts, and make such inquiries as the Judge may direct in Civil Bill cases.
Tyrosce	Alexander Buchanan	Omagh, County Tyrone.		See County Court Rules
Waterford	William H. G. Donohy.	Killarney House, Ferry Bank.	No occupation, except that he acts as such Assistant as Deputy Clerk of the Crown, and holds Her Majesty's commission as captain in the Waterford Artillery.	The Judge did not assign any duties.

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No - - - - -	See answer to Column 4 - - - - -	<p>County Meath: Mr. R. C. Mason. County Westmeath: Mr. S. Fetherston H., Clerk of the Peace. Mr. R. C. Mason. King's County: Mr. R. C. Mason. The Clerk of the Peace. Longford: Mr. R. C. Mason. The Clerk of the Peace.</p> <p>I may add to the foregoing returns, that with the present most inefficient staff which the County Court Judges met upon them, it is extremely difficult to make that jurisdiction a reality. I have done my best to make this County Court jurisdiction what I believe it was intended to be—expedient and cheap. After many trials I find the best position (under existing circumstances) is not to direct any account to be taken between persons; but to have the accounts prepared for investigation during the sitting of the Court at each session. I then sit in a position to exercise a control. The accounts go at once to my Registrar, who speedily determines all matters of mere account, and at once brings into Court any questions which he considers outside the scope of his function. By this means I find I have been enabled to dispose of cases more expeditiously than by any other procedure. It is, of course, manifest that this is only a makeshift, adopted for the purpose of doing the best possible with an inefficient staff.</p> <p>I have to add that I find my Registrar a most excellent and useful officer. His long experience as Deputy Clerk of the Peace and Deputy Clerk of the Crown has made him a first-class Court officer, while his intimate knowledge of agricultural affairs, and of the real value of stock, crops, and farm produce, fits him most eminently for the taking of all accounts into which such items come, as matters for judicial investigation.</p> <p>J. G. Nelson, County Court Judge.</p>
Yes - - - - -	Equality, and its decision requires it, he sits in the Civil Bill Court and in matters of account.	<p>Robert Nelson, Esq., Barron, Esq., Registrar, who is from time to time assisted by the Deputy Clerk of the Peace.</p> <p>W. N. Barnes, County Court Judge.</p>
They are not assigned by writing, but by the orders of the Chairman from time to time, as disputed accounts, &c., come before the Court.	Those mentioned in Column 4 - - - - -	<p>J. Clarke, County Court Judge, for Queen's County, and Gilbert Kelly, the Registrar.</p> <p>The then Lord Chancellor (Mr. Balfour) sanctioned the appointment of Mr. Kelly as Registrar, on the understanding that he was to make no claim for travelling expenses.</p> <p>J. Clarke, County Court Judge.</p>
These duties have not been assigned in writing.	Same answer as in Column 4 - - - - -	<p>Arthur Hamill, Esq., and County Court Judge for the Counties of Roscommon and Sligo, and Mr. John James, of Roscommon, Deputy Clerk of the Peace for said County of Roscommon, his Registrar.</p> <p>A. Hamill, County Court Judge.</p>
Not by the Judge, as these duties are printed and contained in the rules and orders made and published in pursuance of the provisions of the County Courts and Officers Act.	Those mentioned in the answer to Column 4, but he is willing to assist in every possible way to facilitate the business, which is very great in the county, and for which the staff is not sufficient, provided it does not interfere with the duties the Judge requires to be performed.	<p>Henry F. Marley, Esq., Robert Sargent, Clerk of the Peace, and R. H. Carter, Deputy Clerk of the Peace. I may add that the Registrar is of great use to a Chairman in many ways that it is impossible to detail, as he searches for cases and decisions, &c., when a case is proceeding, which is most essential, and prevents great delay to the action.</p> <p>J. A. Pfall, County Court Judge.</p>
No - - - - -	See reply to Column 4 - - - - -	<p>Lewis Buchanan, Clerk of the Peace, Alexander Buchanan, Registrar.</p> <p>F. W. Brady, County Court Judge.</p> <p>William J. Donnelly, the Clerk of the Peace, William H. Donnelly, the Registrar, and the several Civil Bill officers, commonly called process servers, whose names I am unable to give.</p> <p>G. Waters, County Court Judge.</p>

GEORGE GEORGE JUDGES (JULIARIS).

RETIRES following the Resignation of George Dill.
George appointed under Statute 16 of "The
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